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U. S. Rubber Industry Employment, Wages, Hours

	Prod. Work- ers 1000's	Ave. Week Earnings	Ave. Week Hrs.	Con- sumers Price Index
All Rubber Products				
1939	121	\$27.84	39.9	\$0.75
1949	186	57.79	38.3	1.51
1950	203	64.42	40.9	1.58
1951	212	68.61	40.6	1.69
1952	208.2	74.78	40.7	1.83
1953				
Jan.	219.2	78.09	41.1	1.90
Feb.	219.2	79.30	41.3	1.92
Mar.	220.3	80.90	41.7	1.94
Apr.	220.1	79.32	41.1	1.93
Tires and Tubes				
1939	54.2	\$33.36	35.0	\$0.96
1949	83.6	63.26	36.4	1.74
1950	87.8	72.48	39.8	1.82
1951	87.4	78.01	39.6	1.97
1952	90.8	85.65	40.4	2.12
1953				
Jan.	91.5	89.24	40.2	2.22
Feb.	91.2	91.80	40.8	2.25
Mar.	91.9	94.69	41.9	2.26
Apr.	92.2	91.80	40.8	2.25
Rubber Footwear				
1939	14.8	\$22.80	37.5	\$0.61
1949	21.6	48.94	38.6	1.27
1950	20.6	52.21	40.1	1.30
1951	23.9	57.81	41.0	1.41
1952	22.9	62.22	40.4	1.54
1953				
Jan.	24.5	64.96	40.1	1.62
Feb.	24.2	67.57	41.2	1.64
Mar.	24.1	67.57	41.2	1.64
Apr.	23.9	67.82	41.1	1.65
Other Rubber Products				
1939	51.9	\$23.34	38.9	\$0.61
1949	80.9	54.38	40.1	1.36
1950	94.3	59.76	42.2	1.42
1951	100.7	63.19	41.3	1.53
1952	94.6	66.58	41.1	1.62
1953				
Jan.	103.2	71.74	42.2	1.70
Feb.	103.8	71.06	41.8	1.70
Mar.	104.3	71.55	41.6	1.72
Apr.	104.0	71.21	41.4	1.72

SOURCE: BLS, United States Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Foreign Trade Opportunities

The firms and industries listed below recently expressed their interest in buying in the United States or in United States representations. Additional information concerning each import or export opportunity, including a World Trade Directory Report, is available to qualified United States firms and may be obtained upon inquiry from the Commercial Intelligence Unit of the United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., or through its field offices, for \$1 each. Interested United States companies should correspond directly with the concerns listed concerning any projected business arrangements.

Export Opportunities

Leonard Baines & Co., Ltd., Harley Bldgs., 11 Old Hall St., Liverpool 3, England: raw materials (particularly rosin) suitable for the paint, rubber, varnish, and linoleum industries.

Claussen & Wieting, 82 Parkstrasse, Bremen, Germany: synthetic rubber.

F. Levi, representing Franz Levi, Ltd., 53 Carmel Ave., Haifa, Israel: self-adhesive tape for sealing rainwear in the manufacturing process; plastic sheeting for the production of medical adhesive tape; fire hose weaving looms; nylon or similar yarn for weaving pressure hose; machinery for braiding pressure hose with steel wire; and general machinery for the production of rubber goods.

Africom Plastics Industries (Pty.) Ltd., Aeco House, Miller and Eighth Sts., New Doornfontein, Johannesburg, Union of South Africa: machinery and raw materials for the manufacture of plastic articles by injection, compression, extrusion, and fabrication processes.

John L. H. Molenaar, 109 Blvd. des Hospices, Ghent, Belgium: thermosetting resin adhesives, other synthetic resin adhesives, or synthetic resins for sizing or finishing purposes for textiles.

Alfred Ritscher, 3 Dahlweg, Muenster/Westf., Germany: insulated wire and cables.

Eimer Juel & Co. A/S, 1 Prinsesse Maries Alle, Copenhagen, Denmark: accelerators and retarders for the rubber industry.

Societe d'Exploitation des Etablissements Baudouin, Les Eglisottes, Gronde, France: 55-gallon synthetic rubber drums and barrels for wine.

Technische Handelsbureau v/h van Duuren, 74-78 Mare, Leiden, Netherlands: V-belts and rubber tubing.

Import Opportunities

Kamuran Sertel, c/o General Electric T. A. O., Topkapi, Istanbul, Turkey: goggles made of natural rubber with tinted glass lenses.

Carbon Black Statistics — Second Quarter, 1953

Below are statistics for output, shipments, producers' stocks, and exports of carbon black for the second quarter, 1953. Furnace blacks are classified as follows: SRF, semi-reinforcing furnace black; HMF, high modulus furnace black; FEF, fast extruding furnace black; and HAF, high abrasion furnace black.

(Thousands of Pounds)

Production	April	May	June
Furnace types			
Thermal	9,131	8,515	7,281
SRF	22,331	22,810	25,197
HMF	11,178	9,144	7,808
FEF	17,239	19,012	18,444
HAF	38,924	43,573	38,590
Total furnace	98,803	103,054	97,320
Contact types	39,587	40,303	38,520
TOTALS	138,390	143,357	135,840
Shipments			
Furnace types			
Thermal	7,652	8,868	7,124
SRF	24,534	23,203	31,279
HMF	12,507	8,696	9,836
FEF	19,352	18,609	16,039
HAF	41,395	39,449	35,461
Total furnace	105,440	98,825	99,739
Contact types	38,478	37,525	40,833
TOTALS	143,918	136,350	140,572
Producers' Stocks, End of Period			
Furnace types			
Thermal	5,278	4,925	5,082
SRF	21,428	21,035	14,953
HMF	30,262	30,710	28,682
FEF	16,548	16,951	19,356
HAF	37,005	41,129	44,258
Total furnace	110,521	114,750	112,331
Contact types	242,943	245,721	243,408
TOTALS	353,464	360,471	355,739
Exports			
Furnace types			
Thermal	12,332	14,472	11,657
Contact types	14,767	18,601	13,602
TOTALS	27,099	33,073	25,259

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